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**Applicants:** Martin Frederick Pera

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**For:** METHODS OF CULTURING EMBRYONIC  
STEM CELLS AND CONTROLLED  
DIFFERENTIATION

**Dated:** December 3, 2002

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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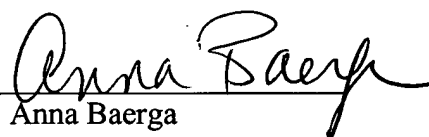
In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 4-12, 14, 16-23, 24 and 29, drawn to a progenitor cell and methods of preparing a progenitor cell. Applicants also submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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